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E.O.11652: GDS
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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR P&B DATA

1. GHQ, JORDAN ARMED FORCES (JAF) HAS REQUESTED
P&B DATA ON AN/VRC-43, AN/VRC-12, AND AN/VRC-45
RADIOS, MOUNTS AND ACCESSORIES. JAF DESIRES THE
DATA FOR PLANNING PURPOSES FOR REPLACEMENT OF
NON-AUTOMATIC TUNING SETS NOW ON ORDER WITH THE
MORE RESPONSIVE AUTOMATIC TUNING SETS. THEIR
STATEMENT FOR REPLACEMENT SHOWS THE FOLLOWING
CHANGES REQUIRED FOR RADIOS NOW ON ORDER:

OLD RADIO SET FUNDING & YEAR RADIO SETS

AN/VRC-46 13 ON MAP 1975 AN/VRC-43,
- 50 ON MAP 1976 MOUNTS AND
- 50 ON MAP 1977 ACCESSORIES
- 113 TOTAL

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AN/VRC-47 100 ON MAP 1976 AN/VRC-12,
- 30 ON MAP 1977 MOUNTS AND
- 64 FMS CASE UPY ACCESSORIES
- 194 TOTAL

AN/VRC-49 70 ON MAP 1976 AN/VRC-45,

- 20 ON MAP 1977 MOUNTS AND
- 90 TOTAL ACCESSORIES

JAF REQUESTS P&B DATA SHOW NOT ONLY COSTS FOR 397 REPLACEMENT SETS, BUT ALSO SHOW HOW MANY OF THE NEW SETS COULD BE PROVIDED IF OLD SETS WERE REPLACED WITH THE NEW SETS USING FUNDS ALREADY ALLOCATED UNDER EACH PROGRAM. ADDITIONALLY, PLEASE SHOW LEAD TIMES AND POSSIBLE DELIVERY TIME FRAME FOR THE NEW SETS.

2. JUSTIFICATION:

- A. THE JORDAN ARAB ARMY (JAA) ROYAL SIGNAL CORPS RECENTLY COMPLETED A STUDY OF COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT NOW OPERATIONAL IN THE JAA ARMOR DIVISIONS WITH EMPHASIS ON CAPABILITIES WHICH NOW EXIST VERSUS THOSE REQUIRED IN THE 1980'S. THEIR CONCLUSION WAS THAT THE JAA ARMOR DIVISIONS SHOULD BE EQUIPPED WITH THE AUTOMATIC TUNING RADIO SETS. THE JAA FEELS THE 10 PRE-SET PUSH-BUTTON CHANNELS ON THE AN/VRC-12, 43 AND 45 RADIOS WILL OFFER A FAR FASTER AND MORE ACCURATE SELECTION OF CHANNELS CAPABILITY THAN CAN THE SETS PRESENTLY ON ORDER, WHICH MUST BE MANUALLY TUNED TO EACH NEWLY SELECTED CHANNEL. THE JAA FEELS THAT THE ELECTRONIC WARFARE ENVIRONMENT OF THE 1980'S WILL DEMAND THE SPEED
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AND ACCURACY OF CHANNEL SELECTION THAT CAN ONLY BE OBTAINED WITH THE AN/VRC-12, 43 AND 45 RADIOS.

- B. JORDAN'S MILITARY CAPABILITIES WILL NOT BE SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED BY ACQUISITION OF THE PUSH-BUTTON RADIOS.
- C. THE JAA HAS THE CAPABILITY TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE AN/VRC-12 SERIES RADIOS. NO ADDITIONAL AMERICAN PERSONNEL, PRIVATE OR OFFICIAL, WILL BE REQUIRED IN JORDAN IF SALE IS AUTHORIZED.
- D. U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL BE REQUESTED TO UNDERWRITE PROCUREMENT WITH FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR SETS NOW ON ORDER PLUS THE ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUIRED, MOST LIKELY FROM FMS CREDIT.
- E. ECONOMIC IMPACT. THE GOVERNMENT OF JORDAN'S FINANCIAL SITUATION IS UNDERGOING A LIQUIDITY SQUEEZE AT PRESENT. CANCELLATION COSTS FOR OLDER AN/VRC-12 SERIES SETS TO OBTAIN THE NEW PUSH BUTTON SETS (AND THE CONSIDERABLY

HIGHER COSTS OF THE AUTOMATIC TUNING SETS) COULD PLACE A SUBSTANTIAL BURDEN ON THE GOJ BUDGET, DEPENDING ON GOJ FISCAL CONDITION AT THE TIME FUTURE PAYMENTS COME DUE.

- F. ABOVE ITEMS WILL NOT HAVE ANY HUMAN RIGHTS IMPACT.

- G. MISSION HAS CAPABILITY TO MONITOR USE OF ABOVE EQUIPMENT.

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- H. AMEMBASSY AMMAN RECOGNIZES THAT ABOVE EQUIPMENT MAY IMPROVE JAA ARMOR DIV COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITY. THE SEVERE COST AND TIME PENALTIES WHICH THE GOJ MUST FACE IN SWITCHING TO THE AUTOMATIC TUNING AN/VRC-12 SERIES RADIOS, HOWEVER, MAKES THE DESIRABILITY TO CHANGE TO THESE SETS NOW ONLY marginally ATTRACTIVE, IF AT ALL. AMEMBASSY AMMAN RECOMMENDS P&B DATA BE PREPARED BASED ON ABOVE INFORMATION SO THAT THE GHQ, JAF, CAN SEE THE COSTS AND LONG LEAD TIMES WHICH WOULD BE INVOLVED IF PROCUREMENT IS FURTHER PURSUED. SUDDARTH.

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